puchea. Each party's candidate for the provisional government should be proposed by the party itself and should also be acceptable to the other parties concerned.

(iii) Upon establishment of the Provisional Quadripartite Coalition Government of Kampuchea, a freeze should be imposed on Kampuchea, forces of all factions and these forces should refrain from getting involved in politics and interfering in the general election, so that the Kampuchean people may conduct a free election without outside interference and threat of force.

(iv) Practical and effective international supervision should be instituted over Vietnamese troop withdrawal, the maintenance of peace in Kampuchea, and the conduct of free election. If concerned parties reach an agreement on a political settlement of the Kampuchean question, China will be ready to join other countries in an international guarantee for an independent, neutral and non-aligned Kampuchea.

The Chinese proposal is one of several proposals which have been made for finding a solution to this problem.

(c) to (e) India has diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of Kampuchea and a dialogue is maintained with that Government. The People's Republic of Kampuchea have rejected the Chinese proposal. They support the initiative proposed to be taken by some selected non-aligned countries (including India) on this problem. We would like a politically, negotiated settlement which will lead to the establishment of a peaceful, independent, sovereign and non-aligned Kampuchea.

Achievements of the Seventh Five Year Plan Targets

1122. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a mid-term appraisal of the Seventh Five Year Plan targets have been done;

(b) if so, whether the plan targets in respect of projects and programmes in Orissa have been achieved;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any increase in allocation or reorientation of priorities has been set for the remaining Plan period in the State after the mide-term appraisal; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Orissa has carried out a mid-term appraisal of the Seventh Five Year Plan of the State.

(b) The targets in respect of the projects/programmes are expected to be generally achieved.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) Mid-term correctives wherever necessary have been effected in the needy sectors/programmes such as Minor Irrigation, Power and Rural Development.

Approval of Medium Irrigation Projects of Orissa

1123. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some medium irrigation projects of Orissa are proopsed to be approved by the Planning Commission during the remaining period of the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a)

and (b) Out of six medium irrigation projects estimated to cost Rs. 108 crores to provide irrigation to about 47,000 hectares, appraisal of two projects have been returned for want of response from the State.

People living below poverty in the country

1124. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether during 1987-88 the number of people living below poverty line in the country has increased due to the increasing prices and decline in the value of rupee;

(b) whether Government propose to make any assessment in this regard;

(c) if so the details thereof;

(d) the time by when Government are likely to collect the requisite information; and

(e) if the answer to part (d) above be in negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (e) The estimates of persons below poverty line are prepared on the basis of the National Sample Survey (NSS) data on Household Consumer Expenditure. The latest estimates in this regard based on 38th Round of NSS are available for the year 1983-84. The estimates of persons below poverty line for 1987-88 would be made after the results of the 43rd Round of NSS on Consumer Expenditure, are available. Preliminary results of this Survey are likely to be available in a year's time.

Approval of Medium Irrigation Projects of Tamil Nadu

1125. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some medium irrigation projects of Tamil Nadu are proposed to be approved by the Planning Commission during the remaining period of the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Two medium irrigation projects estimated to cost Rs. 15 crores, received from Tamil Nadu Government, have been examined and comments sent. These are expected to provide irrigation to an area of about 12 thousand hectares.

Setting up of a separate administrative cadre for North-Eastern States

1126. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose the setting up of separate administrative cadre for North-Eastern States; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Territory cadre will be merged in the proposed cadre; and

(c) whether the concerned States have been consulted; if so, their reactions to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Formation of a North-Eastern Cadre for the All India Service is under consideration.

(b) There is no proposal to merge the Union Territories cadre in the proposed North-Eastern Cadre.